

Parenting in the Foundational Years

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Be the _____.

Ephesians 6:4 Fathers... bring [your children] up in the training and instruction of the Lord. NIV

See yourself as a _____ of your children.

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody.
³You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Be _____.

Titus 2:1-2 Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. NIV

_____ **to _____ husband's leadership for your family.**

Ephesians 5:22-24 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything!

Luke 11:17-18 Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: "Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall."

1 Peter 3: 5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful . They were submissive to their own husbands.

Be a _____.

1 Corinthians 16:13 Watch ye, stand in the faith; be men , be strong; YLT

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. NASU

1 Corinthians 16:13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. ESV

John 13:14 "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet." NIV

Mother _____ your _____.

Be verbally _____ of your wife pouring out her life for your kids.

1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. NIV

Matthew 7:12 So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. NIV

It is _____ to keep yourself encouraged.

Encourage your wife to _____ at _____ (if possible).

Titus 2:4-5 Then [the older women] can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, ⁵to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. NIV

Stay at _____ (if you can and if your husband supports it).

“There are few, if any, that would devote up to twenty years out of their prime of life, in hopes of saving and raising their children.”
—Susanna Wesley

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1 Corinthians 9:26-27 Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. ²⁷No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. NIV

Be engaged _____ your _____.

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